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Panther Raid Suit

CHICAGO — Alleging their rights were violated, seven survivors of the 1969 police raid in which two Black Panther Party members were slain seek \$9.4 million in damages.

Two suits were filed Thursday by the seven in U.S. District Court against the City of Chicago, Cook County and various officials.

Fred Hampton, Illinois Panther chairman, and Mark Clark, downstate Panther leader, died when police raided Hampton's apartment and seized weapons last Dec. 4. Seven other Panthers, four of them wounded, were arrested.

Attempted murder charges against the seven, filed after the raid, were dismissed May 8 at the request of the state's attorney's office. A federal grand jury investigated the affair and criticized both Panthers and police.